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SUBJECT: MBFR: AIR MANPOWER: WG STUDIES OF U.S. PROPOSALS

REF: A. USNATO 853
B. USNATO 686
C. USNATO 560

1. WG DEVOTED MOST OF FEBRUARY 18 MEETING TO REVISED PAPER (REF A) ON U.S. AIR MANPOWER PROPOSALS. UK AND NETHERLANDS REPS SUBMITTED FURHTER AMENDMENTS. FRG REP (DZIALAS) AGAIN AGAIN DREW ON EARLIER GUIDANCE STRESSING NEED FOR THOROUGH STUDY, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO EFFECT OF U.S. PROPOSALS ON SOVIET CAPABILITIES.

2.TURKISH REP (GUR) DISCUSSED AT LENGTH IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. PROPOSALS FOR FLANKS. HE RAINSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: AT 15 PERCENT LEVEL OF REDUCTION, WOULD DEGRADATION OF RAPID
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DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITY OF TACTICAL UNITS TO A CRISIS AREA IN SUAFE BUT OUTSIDE THE NGA APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL NATO FLANK COUNTRIES? OR COULD SOME REGIONS BE MORE AFFECTED THAN OTHERS? WOULD THE U.S. FORESEE ANY MEASURES TO COMPENSATE FLANKS FOR SUCH

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DEGRADATION? WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. VIEW THAT ABILITY TO EMPLOY AIRCRAFT FROM AREAS PERIPHERAL TO NGA CURRENTLY FAVORS THE WEST, WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPLICATIONS OF A CRISIS WHICH MENACED BOTH THE NGA AND THE FLANKS? WOULD AIRCRAFT STATIONED IN THE FLANKS BE GIVEN ADDITIONAL ASSIGNEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF NGA? WOULD ANY REDEPLOYMENT TO THE FLANKS RAISE QUESTIONS OF CIRCUMVENTION OR OTHER PROBLEMS FOR FLANK COUNTRIES? TURKISH REP SAID HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT PAPER UNLESS IT COVERED ABOVE POINTS. COMMENT: AS ON NUMBER OF PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, TURKISH REP HAS WEIGHED IN ON FLANK CONCERNS AT RELATIVELY LATE STAGE IN DISCUSSION OF MBFR ISSUE. WE BELIEVE TURKISH REP FORMULTED THESE QUESTIONS HIMSELF AND DID NOT RECEIVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON PAPER FROM ANKARA. NEVERTHELESS HIS ACTION SEEMS TO REFLECT STRON STANDING GUIDANCE ON FLANK CONCERNS. WASHINGTON MAY WISH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING WHERE RELEVANT SOME ASSURANCE ON IMPLICATIONS FOR FLANKS IN INITIAL PRESENTATION OF FUTURE MBFR PORPOSALS. END COMMENT.

3. U.S. REP (MCCORMACK) AGAIN SUGGESTED REFERENCES IN PAPER TO REDUCTIONS IN COMBAT AIRCRAFT BE CHANGED TO TACTICAL FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. SOME REPS SAID LATTER TERM MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY TERM IN FOOTNOTE.

4. WG REQUESTED STAFF TO CIRCULATE NEW REVISED DRAFT WHICH MISSION WILL TRANSMIT ON RECEIPT. WG WILL RETURN TO THIS PAPER MARCH 4.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENT ON FLANK ISSUE (SEE PARA 4, REF C) AND RESPONSE TO REF B.

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